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Dear Drew:

Your letter of May 22, 1958 with its attached communication from Admiral Boyle and your letter of May 27, 1958 concerning CIA infiltration and other operations on the Communist-held mainland have received close attention here.

I agree with you that our best course is to continue the lines of action and activities on which we are already embarked, as described to you by the NSC and Admiral Boyle. The NSC's proposal made several months ago to the CIA to establish a joint intelligence collection center seems to be a good one. A joint center of this nature would certainly furnish a more realistic basis for evaluating the chances for success of possible joint mainland operations. Your letter of May 27 indicates that Chiang Ching-kuo may now be prepared to agree to the establishment of a center. If an opportunity arises, you may wish to indicate our support of the idea to President Chiang or Chiang Ching-kuo.

Admiral Boyle's point concerning the value to the CIA of joint planning and field training exercises in the use of special forces as a means of learning their own capabilities and limitations, appears to be well taken. A fuller knowledge of the problems involved should help the Chinese military to view possible operations more objectively and to advise President Chiang accordingly. With regard to Admiral Boyle's recommendations (3) and (4), I do not believe it would be desirable for me personally to communicate at this time with President Chiang on these matters. Instead I suggest that

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that you point out to him on an appropriate occasion our concern over the consequences of ill-advised and unnecessary operations on the mainland, as well as our keen interest in the results of special forces training exercises. I fully agree with your view that it would be very useful for General Doyen to discuss the dropping of paratroopers on the mainland with President Chiang during his farewell call. It is important that President Chiang clearly understand all facets of the problem and at the same time, be assured of our sympathetic consideration of his proposals.

Sincerely yours,

Walter S. Robertson

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